

SOUTH COAST TASK FORCE ON YOUTH GANGS

Executive Council Meeting Notes

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Louise Lowry Davis Center

1232 De la Vina Street

Santa Barbara, CA

Members Attending:

Claudia Armann, Executive Director, McCune Foundation

Jim Armstrong, City Administrator, City of Santa Barbara

Bill Brown, Sheriff, County of Santa Barbara

Molly Carrillo-Walker, Senior Vice President of Community Investments, Santa Barbara Foundation

Dave Cash, Superintendent, Santa Barbara Unified School District

Steve Cushman, Director, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce

Steve DeLira, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, County of Santa Barbara

Dave Durlinger, City Manager, City of Carpinteria

Fran Forman, Executive Director, Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County

Deborah Hartman, Division Chief, Department of Social Services, County of Santa Barbara

Penny Jenkins, Executive Director, CADA

Marcelo Lopez, Assistant City Administrator, City of Santa Barbara

Raquel Lopez, Executive Director, La Casa de la Raza

Rafael Marin Leon, Faith Community Representative

Kristin Mayville, Principal, Rincon Continuation High School

Terri Maus-Nisich, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, County of Santa Barbara

Fred Razo, Administrator, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, Santa Barbara County Education Office

Camerino Sanchez, Police Chief, City of Santa Barbara

Jill Sharkey, Academic Coordinator, Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, UCSB

Dan Singer, City Manager, City of Goleta

○ WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Armstrong gave introductory remarks and asked attendees and guests to introduce themselves.

○ UPDATES

Ms. Forman gave the Council an update covering information since the August meeting of the Executive Council. The updates included:

- The cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria and the County of Santa Barbara continued second year funding for the South Coast Task Force. The Community Action Commission is also continuing as the host agency with in-kind support.
- Dr. Jill Sharkey has agreed to be the hub of information for the South Coast Youth Intervention Project. This project will allow agencies to share data regarding the services provided to youth involved in gangs while preserving client confidentiality.

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- CAC is working on translating the South Coast Task Force website into Spanish, www.youthgangtaskforce.org.
- CAC will issue a monthly progress report via email to the Executive and Leadership Councils. The report will also be on the website.
- Staff is drafting an Annual Report to be presented at the joint meeting of the Leadership and Executive Councils in January 2012.

○ PRESENTATIONS

- South Coast Youth Intervention Project

Dr. Sharkey, Academic Coordinator, Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, UCSB presented information on the South Coast Youth Intervention Project. This project will allow agencies to share data regarding the services provided to youth involved in gangs while preserving client confidentiality. There are a limited number of agencies providing information at this time while the project is set up but the goal is to expand and include other agencies over time. The information from this database will then be used to analyze the types of services, the successes and may help to identify areas where there are gaps.

- Progress report on community/client activity

Mrs. Contreras, Family Youth Services Director, spoke about the success of the Community Leadership Summit put on by the Santa Barbara Campaign for Youth and Families and the presentation of Community Summits Report by Dr. Victor Rios. Raquel Lopez, Executive Director, La Casa de la Raza, suggested that the report be shared with the Executive Council.

Mr. Serrano, Interim Task Force Coordinator, provided an update on his meetings with community groups and agencies. He has met with Ismael Huerta, Outreach Coordinator and Consultant, Santa Barbara School Districts, who is currently working with 150 students in the School District.

Mr. Serrano and Mrs. Contreras also met with Chief Sanchez, regarding the new crisis intervention card. The card contains key phone numbers for agencies that provide services related to youth and families. The cards will be handed out by police officers to youth and families during intervention contacts.

○ LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Sheriff Brown and Chief Sanchez provided a law enforcement update including crime rate figures for this year compared to last year.

Chief Sanchez also shared there has been an increase in tagging incidents. He added that the Police Activity League (PAL) has worked with 1,600 youth the past year.

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○ UPCOMING MEETING

- Leadership and Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Canalino School Auditorium
1480 Linden Avenue
Carpinteria

○ ADJOURNMENT